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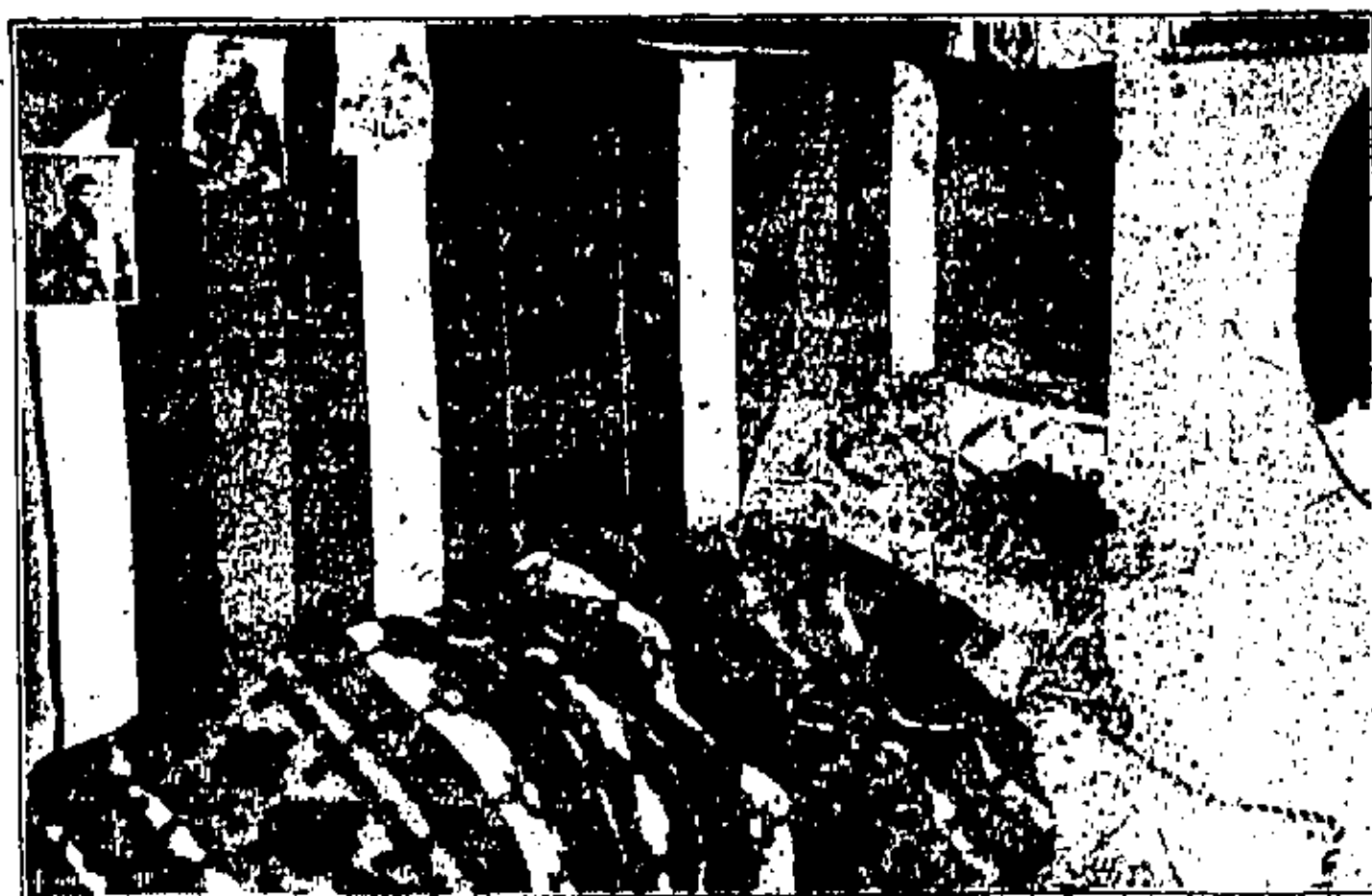
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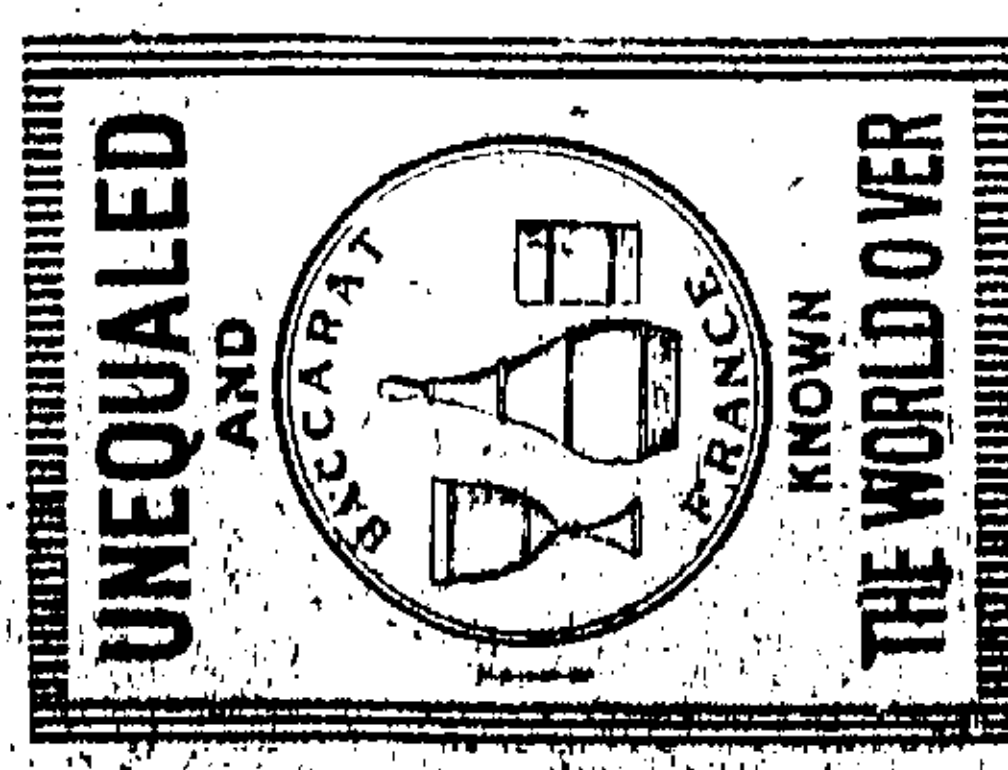
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LYOYD GEORGE'S CANDID NOTE.

BRITAIN'S CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

CANNES, January 11.

A long aide memoire presented to M. Briand by Mr. Lloyd George deals very candidly with the Franco-British misunderstanding and emphasises the necessity of putting an end to it at Cannes. The note sympathises with French fears of German aggression, also with justifiable apprehensions regarding reparations, but points out that Britain also has cause for anxiety and discontent on account of economic conditions imposing serious suffering and privation to the most heavily taxed community in the world. Therefore, the note suggests a Franco-British agreement under which Britain undertakes to support her ally in the event of unprovoked German aggression and declares that such an agreement would be supported not only in Britain but probably in the Dominions also with whom the matter was discussed at last year's Imperial Conference. On the other hand the British people would not consent to being committed to military liabilities elsewhere.

RECONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE

Mr. Lloyd George proposes as a condition of the treaty and entente that the admiralties of the two confer together in order to avoid competition in ship-building between them, and also urge France to co-operate wholeheartedly with Britain for the economic and financial reconstruction of Europe. The note concludes that far from excluding other nations, a Franco-British entente should form the basis of a wider scheme of international co-operation and ensure the peace of Europe.

FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS?

LONDON, January 11.

While it is understood that the British Cabinet yesterday unanimously approved the proposed Anglo-French pact, French opinion apparently is very critical and it seems that the French desire a compact for defence but fear France's foreign policy may be subordinated to British foreign policy. There is talk of a French political crisis and it is stated that the French Cabinet is opposed to the agreements projected at Cannes. In this connection it is significant that M. Briand is leaving Cannes for Paris to-day to meet the French Chamber. He is returning to Cannes on Friday.

BRIAND'S HANDS TIED.

PARIS, January 11.

That M. Briand is not a free agent was powerfully demonstrated by an important Republican combination in the Chamber of Deputies numbering 210 passing a resolution which was telegraphed to M. Briand to the effect that the Chamber would never consent to ratify the new concessions to Germany to the detriment of France and Belgium, and declaring that a Franco-British alliance should be conditional on no concessions being made regarding reparations or guarantees conferred by the Versailles Treaty, notably territorial.

PACT DRAFT READY.

CANNES, January 11.

Mr. Lloyd George handed M. Briand the draft of the Anglo-French pact which M. Briand will submit to the French Cabinet to-morrow.

SOUTH AFRICA'S LABOUR TROUBLE.

GENERAL SMUTS' AID INVOKED.

JOHANNESBURG, January 11.

The men's federation has requested General Smuts to call a joint meeting of employers and the federation. The unions demand withdrawal of all ultimatums and notices, no further reduction in wages until the margin between the assumed and the actual increase in the cost of living has disappeared, the fixing of a definite ratio of coloured men to whites in the gold mines, that wages of coal miners shall not be reduced more than half the amount proposed by the employers or alternatively as fixed by arbitration.

NATIONAL STRIKE THREATENED.

JOHANNESBURG, January 12.

The Industrial Federation has called on Labour organisations throughout South Africa to take the necessary steps to strike on January 18 if called upon.

NOTED PINTER DEAD.

LONDON, January 11.

The death has occurred of Mr. Edgar Bundy, A.R.A., R.I., R.O.I., R.B.C.

SILVER QUOTATIONS.

LONDON, January 11.

Silver is quoted, ready, 35 1/2; forward 36 1/2. Small bull's nose done.

KIAOCHOW AND SHANTUNG RAILWAY.

JAPANESE AGREE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS.

WASHINGTON, January 11.

The Japanese have tentatively agreed to the withdrawal of troops from the German Kiaochow leasehold and from the Shantung Railway on condition that China furnishes adequate police protection. The Japanese suggested that the withdrawal of the railway guards should be treated separately from the withdrawal of other troops.

SOUTHERN PARLIAMENT SUMMONED.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTED.

LONDON, January 11.

Mr. Griffith, the new President, is summoning the Southern Parliament elected last May to meet at Dublin in the Mansion House on January 14 for ratification of the treaty and establishment of a provisional government.

LONDON, January 11.

The De Valera supporters have decided not to attend the Southern Parliament meeting on January 14.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

COUNCIL SESSION OPENS.

GENEVA, January 11.

The first session of the Council of the League of Nations opened publicly under the presidency of M. Hymans. The Council approved the constitution of a permanent mandates commission, also the report of Sir Eric Drummond on the permanent court of international justice which the President announced would meet for the first time at the Hague on January 30.

STEEL BAR PRICES DOWN.

LONDON, January 11.

The South Wales Siemens Steel Association (Swansea) has reduced the price of steel bars by 90d. a ton to 17. 7s. 6d. This is equivalent to a quarter of the wartime price.

AUSTRALIA'S WASHINGTON DELEGATE.

MELBOURNE, January 11.

Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, denies rumours that Senator Pearce, the Australian representative at the Washington Conference, is remaining in America. He says that Senator Pearce will return to Australia after the conference has closed.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

KING REJECTS JUNTA DECREE.

MADRID, January 12.

The Cabinet has resigned. It is believed resignation was due to the King's refusal to sign a decree dissolving the military juntas, otherwise the officers' organisations, which was presented by the Minister of War, Senor Lacierva.

GRAIN FOR RUSSIA.

SHIPPING BOARD'S DECISION.

WASHINGTON, January 12.

At a conference with Mr. Hoover and Mr. Lasker (Chairman of the Shipping Board) President Harding agreed that the Board's vessels which were now idle should carry grain to Russia at cost price.

GREAT LAKES CHANNEL.

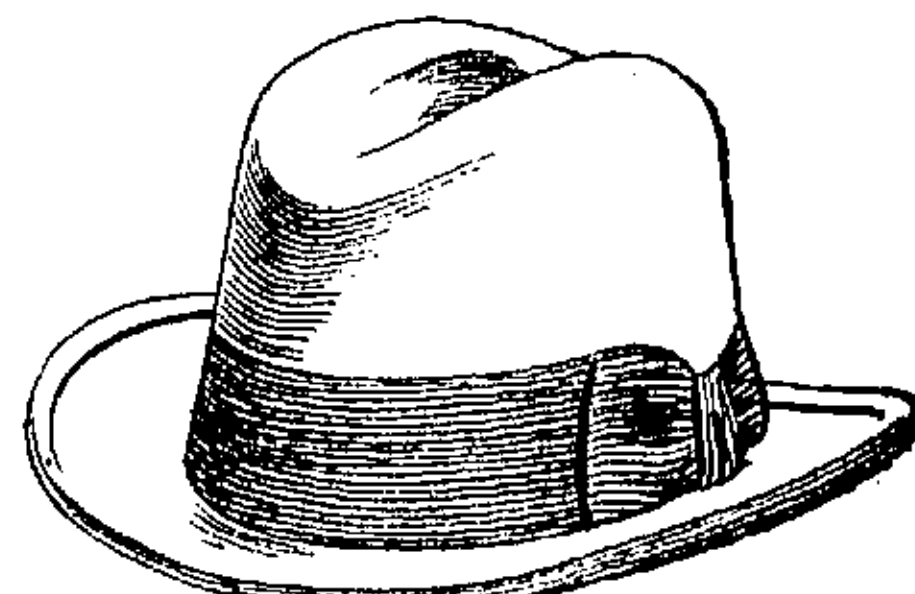
LINK WITH THE SEA.

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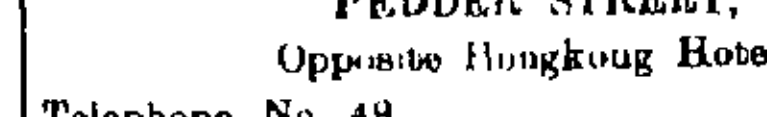
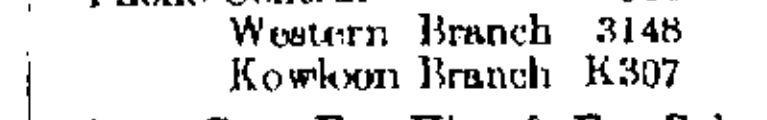
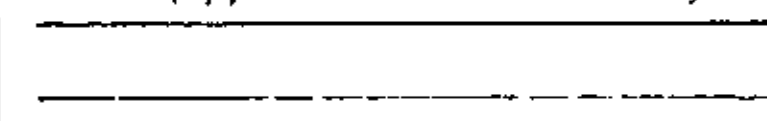
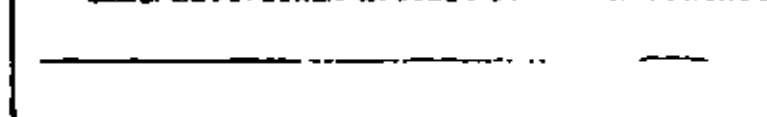
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FURNITURE, BRASS AND TEAK

WOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS,
CARPETS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Comprising—

Dining Suites, Chesterfield Sofas,
Arm-chairs (new), Card and Occasional
Tables, Teakwood Twin Bedsteads,
large and small Wardrobes, Dressing
Tables and Chairs, Washstands, &c.,
(Jumbo Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner
Wagons, Dinner Services, Crockery, &c.,
&c., Electro-plated Ware,

Electric Reading Lamps, Screens,
Sundry Blackwood Furniture, Chairs,
Cabinets, Pictorial Books,

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 11, 1922.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

THURSDAY,

January 19, 1922, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Room, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

Valuable Jewellery

Comprising—

Single Stone Diamond Rings, Ear-
rings, Brooches, Diamond Cluster Rings,
Bracelets, Gold and Silver Ornaments,
Pearls, &c., &c., &c.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 7, 1922.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

THURSDAY,

January 26, 1922, at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 6, Humphreys Buildings,
Kowloon.

Valuable Household Furniture,
&c., &c., &c.,

therein contained.

Comprising—

Bedroom and Dining Room Suites,
Blackwood Cabinets, Chairs and Side
Tables, &c., &c., &c.,

Also

Several Japanese Water Colours in
Blackwood Frames.

On view afternoon before date of Sale.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 9, 1922.

FOR SALE.

6 City Hudson wire wheels two spare
wheels and complete Equipment in
thoroughly sound running condition.
For price & particulars apply

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

THEATRE ROYAL

In aid of Children's Charities.

"FAIRY CHAIN"

ON

FRIDAY, January 13th,

at 5.30 p.m.

PRICES: 50c.

(Sailors, Soldiers & Children
Half Price).

50 cents Boarders of Duncan School,
French and Italian Convents,
St. Stephen's Girls' School.

Booking at Moutrie's.

INTIMATIONS.



NOTICE

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that,
owing to alterations to the supply
main to Kowloon Peninsula, water in
the distributing mains will be cut off
between the hours of 8 p.m. on
THURSDAY, 12th instant, and 6 a.m.
on FRIDAY, 13th instant.

T. L. PERKINS,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department.

Hongkong, January 9, 1922.

THE GENERAL EXCHANGE

CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the STATUTORY MEETING of

the above Company will be held at No.

10, Des Voeux Road Central, (2nd

floor), Victoria, in the Colony of Hong

kong, on the 20th day of January, 1922,

at three o'clock in the afternoon.

By Order,

(Signed) LI YUNG CHAI,
Chief Manager.

Dated the Ninth Day of January,

1922.

No. 10 Des Voeux Road Central,
1st floor, Victoria, Hongkong.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING

CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDIN-

ARY GENERAL MEETING of

SHAREHOLDERS in this Company

will be held at the Offices of Messrs.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on

THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at

11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving

the Report of the Directors together

with a statement of Accounts for the

year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the

Company will be CLOSED on TUES-

DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,

26th January, 1922, at 11.45 a.m. for

the purpose of receiving the report of

the Directors together with a statement

of Accounts for the year ending 31st

December, 1921.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary

to the General Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL

ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the EIGHTH ORDINARY

GENERAL MEETING of SHARE-

HOLDERS in this Company will

be held at the Offices of Messrs.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on

THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at

12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Directors

together with a statement of Accounts

for the year ending 31st December,

1921.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary

to the General Managers.

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG LAND

RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the TWENTY-FIRST ORDIN-

ARY GENERAL MEETING of

SHAREHOLDERS in this Company

will be held at the Offices of Messrs.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on

THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at

12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Directors

together with a statement of Accounts

for the year ending 31st December,

1921.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary

to the General Managers.

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

INTIMATIONS.



NOTICE

NAVY CONTRACTS 1922-1923.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate,
for the supply of Fresh Beef for
H. M. Naval Service at Hongkong dur-
ing the period 1st February, 1922 to
31st March, 1923, will be received by
the COMMODORE, H. M. Naval Yard,
until noon on THURSDAY, the 20th
January, 1922.

Forms of Tender and any necessary
information may be obtained on ap-
plication to the VICTUALLING
STORE OFFICER, H. M. Naval Depot,
Kowloon.

The right to reject the lowest or any
tender is reserved.

H. M. NAVAL DEPOT,
KOWLOON,

January 11, 1922.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting 1922.

ENTRIES for the forthcoming Races

CLOSE on SATURDAY, 21st inst.

at noon, and must be sent to the Jockey

Club Rooms, 3A Chater Road, on or

before this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can

be had at the Jockey Club Stables, the

Jockey Club Rooms (Hongkong Club

Annex, Chater Road) or Messrs. Lindsay

& Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

NOTICE.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS

AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Committee of the Association

of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong,

under powers conferred upon them by

the Regulations thereof, have appointed

David Key Blair to be Secretary as

from 1st January, 1922, vice the under-

signed resigned.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1921.

TAIYO & CO.

BOOTS AND SHOES

MADE TO ORDER

No. 14, Wyndham St.

FARES FOR PUBLIC

VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria, with two Bearers.

Quarter hour, 10 cents

Half hour, 20 "

One hour, 30 "

Three hours, 70 "

Six hours, 100 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), \$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,

half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6

a.m. the above fares shall be increased

by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Four hours, 0.60 cents.

Three hours, 1.00

Six hours, 1.50

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour, \$0.15 \$0.20

Half hour, 0.20 0.40

One hour, 0.30 0.60

Two hours, 0.50 0.80

Three hours, 0.70 1.00

Six hours, 1.00 1.50

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 1.50 2.00

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 1.50 2.00

IV.—Tai Po Road

Twenty cents shall be added

for each extra hour or part

of an hour if the hire is longer

than 1 hour.

To 4th mile, 75 cents. 1 hour,

return, 1.00. 2 hours,

Beyond 4th to 6th mile,

single, 1.10. 3 hours,

return, 1.20.

Beyond 6th to 8th mile,

single, 1.20. 4 hours,

return, 1.30.

Beyond 8th to 10th mile,

single, 1.30. 5 hours,

return, 1.40.

Fares for journeys beyond the 10th

mile to be a matter of previous arrange-

ment in each case.

The fares here set out apply to one

passenger with three coolies from Tai Po

Road.

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Eccentric Peer.

The late Lord Clancarron, from
whom Viscount Lascelles inherited
£2,500,000, was one of the most
eccentric Peers, and rather enjoyed
being known as the "worst dressed
man in the House of Lords." He was
84 when he died, having lived the life
of a recluse, spent very little on him-
self or anybody else, yet had an Irish
rent-roll of £30,000 a year. He was
an odd figure indeed when he appeared
in London. He wore a mid-Victorian
silk hat and shabby suit, with evi-
dences of darning cotton having been
used for repairs. He was never seen
to drive in any vehicle but wandered
about Regent's Park, resting oc-
casionally on a public seat and watch-
ing the squirrels. He was a lonely
life, with few interests save those in
his china and pictures.

Granary of the Empire.

Canada has risen to the second
place among the wheat growing
countries of the world according to
the estimate of the International
Institute of Agriculture. With her
expected yield of 288,000,000 bushels
from the 1921 harvest, she is now
surpassed in this regard by the United
States alone. Since confederation in
1867, while the population of Canada
has trebled, the value of her field

IDEAL BEVERAGES.

WATSON'S DRY GINGER ALE

Its crispness and aroma are features which give it the popularity it deserves.

WATSON'S PYERIS.

Sparkling Mineral Table Water. Healthful and refreshing. Blends excellently with Whisky.

WATSON'S STONE GINGER BEER.

Prepared by a process of partial fermentation which gives it the distinctive flavours which are so pleasing to the palate.

WATSON'S FORMAZONE

Possesses the characteristic stimulating and refreshing qualities of Champagne. It has a delicious flavour.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

REFRIGERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.
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SEAMLESS ANKINSTER SQUARES

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SEVERAL BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS IN

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ANGLO-ORIENT REVERSIBLE RUGS

MOHAIR RUGS, BLACK AND ALL COLORS.

ANKINSTER WILTON VELVET AND BRUSSELS CARPET BY THE YARD, WHICH CAN BE MADE UP TO ANY SIZE IN A LARGE RANGE OF COLORS.

SPECIAL A QUANTITY OF OLD RUGS AT 35% DISCOUNT.

We Specialize in

Social and Business Stationery,
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60, Des Voeux Road, CENTRAL.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

YESTERDAY'S DEGREE DAY CEREMONY.

ST. CHARLES ADDIS AND THE HON.
MR. E. H. SHARP HONOURED.

THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY.

to establish a contented clientele, getting better at the cheapest rate consistent with cost and risk, because that establishes a steady stream of imports upon which they can draw for their own needs. Having a use for all that they do not sell—and their object being identical with the public interest, namely, a constant and regular supply, they are less tempted to exploit the public demand. The present quotations are proof that it is working in this way.

So now we come to that phrase "business is business." It is a phrase much used in business, usually by the business man who happens to be winning. We notice that sometimes, if a business man is not winning or not getting all his own way, that he is apt to change his tune. When business is no longer business, and he talks about some moral principle which he expresses as "live and let live." We have heard criticisms from members of the general public, probably echoing complaints more directly interested, that the Hotel Company, in selling ice, and provisions and motorcars, and in instituting a system of efficient, rapid, and cheap transport, is "grabbing" at too much. They should let others live. If it appeared to us that this correctly represented their attitude, we should still ask: "What of you? What of your business?" But it does not correctly represent their attitude. With four big hotels, three in being and one to be ready before long, this sort of thing is forced upon them. It is inevitable. The tendency of all such huge undertakings is to become self-contained and self-supporting, performing for themselves such services as they cannot get others to do for them without extracting from them the maximum of profit. As we have seen, in the case of butter, not only do they reduce the cost to themselves, but they ensure (by seeing to it themselves) the constancy and trustworthiness of the service required.

Meanwhile, while these phenomena of business are pursuing their natural course, the public, as the *China Mail* takes pleasure in pointing out, derives advantages. Like dollar butter. May it spread thickly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An advertisement relating to the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., appears in this issue.

We have to thank Mr. F. A. Mackintosh for a parcel of books for the troops going home, also Mrs. James Macdonald.

Local quarantine measures against Saigon have been raised. Quarantine has been imposed against Manila on account of cholera.

Dance enthusiasts will scarcely need a reminder that the usual popular dance takes place at the Kowloon Theatre this evening.

Passengers by the "Egypt" are requested to note that baggage will be received at the P. & O. jetty between noon and 4 p.m. on Tuesday next.

Vaccination work still goes on satisfactorily. In connection with our recent special article, it may be mentioned that the Boy Scouts and the St. John's Ambulance students who were therein referred to were from the Saiyungun School. They are devoting their Saturdays and Sundays to the work till it is finished.

Messrs. Arnold Bros. & Co. Ltd., have been appointed agents for the newly organised Hamburg Amerika Line which shortly opens a cargo passenger service between Europe and the Far East. The first vessel arriving here will be the motor ship "Havelland" which left Rotterdam on 4th inst.

Just before Parliament rose the Under-Secretary for the Colonies stated in reply to a question that the Governor of Hongkong had been asked to report on the desirability of a Commission of Inquiry into the question of maintenance in other words, the system of child slavery says *Truth*, of November 30. Not only should there be an inquiry, but in view of the attitude of officialdom has taken up in this matter, it should be a thoroughly independent inquiry. Officialdom still solemnly repudiates the use of the term "slavery" in connection with the buying and selling of little Chinese girls in Hongkong for domestic service—and, in some instances, a worse fate. In law, of course, they cannot be slaves in a British colony, but in fact they are nothing else, and there is ample evidence of the evils of the traffic to which officialdom prefers to turn a blind eye.

It was degree day at the University of Hongkong yesterday. There were many visitors who, before the ceremony commenced, had the opportunity of seeing a tennis match between past and present members of the University and then of taking afternoon tea on the lawns. The Wiltshire Band furnished an enlivening musical programme and the generous sprinkling of brilliant hues in academic costumes made of the gathering a colourful picture.

Some time before the hour at which the ceremony was due to begin, the Great Hall was nearly filled with spectators among whom were many Chinese. At 5 o'clock the stately strains of the University Anthem rolled out, headed by His Excellency the Governor resplendent in his Chancellor's robes, the customary procession entered the building and moved up to the platform. The gallery was packed with undergraduates many of whom were by no means overawed by the solemnity of the occasion. They made audible remarks now and then and one hummer had equipped himself with a species of tin whistle on which he "piped" whenever the spirit moved him, which it did fairly often. Besides the honorary degrees conferred upon Sir Charles Addis, K.C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E., degrees were given to twenty-eight students who had graduated in medicine, arts or engineering. They were all heartily cheered. In the evening H.E. the Governor entertained the honorary graduates and some of the graduates to dinner at Government House.

THE PROCESSION.

The order of procession was as follows:

Mr. B. G. Birch and Dr. J. Fenton; Mr. Au Tai Tin and Mr. Lai Hsi Chi; Dr. G. H. Thomas and Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; Dr. W. J. Woodman and Dr. C. M. Heanley; Mr. J. Romanus Lee and Mr. R. W. Bayne; Mr. R. Robertson and Mr. M. Danaher; Mr. M. H. Coffey and Mr. J. Ring; Dr. Harston and Mr. R. H. Kotewall; Mr. Mok Kon Sang and Mr. F. P. Talati; Prof. R. K. M. Simpson and Prof. W. Nickers; Prof. C. Y. Wang and Prof. G. T. Byrne; Prof. D. C. H. Florence and Dr. R. M. Gibson; Dr. McKeaney and Dr. C. Forsyth; Dr. O. Marriott and Mr. Ho Kwong; Mr. S. W. To and Rev. C. B. Shann; Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce and Prof. F. A. Redmond; Mr. Ng Hon Tse and Mr. Chau Sin Ki; Prof. H. G. Earle and Mr. Montague Ede; Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. Ho Fook; Hon. Mr. T. I. Perkins and Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird; Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Mr. Ho Kom Tong; Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen and Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax; Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving and Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Shou; Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Hon. Mr. McL. Messer; Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp; H.E. Sir William Roes Davies and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni; Hon. Dr. Claud Severn and H.E. Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick; Dean, Faculty of Arts and the Registrar, Faculty of Medicine and the Dean, Faculty of Engineering; The Vice-Chancellor and the Treasurer; Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp and Sir Charles Addis; The Mace Bearer; H.E. The Chancellor.

Amongst those in the body of the hall were: Lady Stubbs, Lady Rees Davies; Lady Addis, Lady Kirkpatrick, Lady Brunyate, Lady Ho Tung, Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Mrs. Severn, Mrs. Pollock, Mr. H. H. Gompertz, Capt. Fisher, Capt. Neville, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Perkins, the Japanese Consul, the Consul for Portugal, Dr. Santos, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr. H. Percy Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. H. M. H. Nemes, Mr. Eric Rice, Mr. Ponsonby Kane, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. Harston, Miss Harston, Dr. and Mrs. Black, Mrs. Marriott, Mr. E. A. M. Williams, Mr. Bulmer Johnson, Dr. Lyon Brown, Major Downing, Colonel Nicholson, Col. and Mrs. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Infrantz, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. and Mrs. Dorey, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Shearman, Commander Hake, Rev. Father, Maria, Rev. J. T. Holman, Dr. Gladys Turner, and many others.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

After His Excellency had formally opened the Congregation the Vice-Chancellor said:—Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen, it will be within the recollection of most of you that when nearly a year ago, I took possession of this seat, my

first official act was to present the late Dr. Jordan to Your Excellency as worthy of an honorary degree. On such occasions the language of exaggeration is not wholly unparadigmatic, and it is, therefore, no small satisfaction to me that, speaking to day with fuller knowledge, I can in all sincerity repeat of the dead the substance of what I then said of the living. Dr. Jordan's great test, as far as this University was concerned, came when, in the summer of 1918, he was called upon for a time, then indeterminate, to take up the acting Vice-Chancellorship. By that time it had become abundantly clear that the endowment with which this University had been founded was inadequate for efficiency, and defects of office organisation rendered it more than difficult to ascertain the exact situation. There would have been ample excuse for Dr. Jordan had he, as an acting official, been content to let things drift, instead of setting himself to remedy the defects of organisation, and, so soon as the facts were ascertainable, to place them frankly before the Court. The easier financial circumstances in which we find ourselves to-day are mainly due to the liberality of the Colonial Government, but I personally have come during the last year to be very conscious of the debt I owe to the courage of my predecessor. This University had no warmer friend than Gregory Paul Jordan, and one can only regret that he should not have lived to see the success which we believe awaits it.

Three other names fall to be mentioned in this connection—those of the late Sir Boshan Wei Yuk, the late Mr. Edward Ezra, and the late Dr. Djong A. Fie. Sir Boshan Wei Yuk's activities belong to the history of the Colony as a whole, but in one capacity or another—and latterly as a representative of the grant-aided schools—he sat upon the University Court from the outset until practically the time of his death. Mr. Edward Ezra was the donor of several scholarships, tenable by pupils at the Shanghai Municipal Schools, which owe their interest to the fact that he limited his generosity to no fixed sum, but undertook to pay private bills of the students, whatever in reason might be their amount. So far as I can ascertain, that privilege was never abused. Dr. Djong A. Fie, and his late partner, Dr. Cheung Pat-see, who successively held a Chinese Consular appointment in Sumatra, contributed \$12,000 a year towards the expenses of the Faculty of Arts, from the time of its institution down to last year. I do not understand that they had any vital connection with Hongkong, and their action seems to me a very striking illustration of that public-spirited idealism to which institutions such as these owe so much.

With regard to our gathering of a year ago, it may have struck some of you on that occasion that I was engaged in the exhilarating task of attempting to make bricks without straw. It was my duty to address you on matters for which I had myself no responsibility, and as to which, from the nature of the case, I had all too little knowledge. I, at least, do not forget the kindly manner in which you tolerated my inexperience, and I find it an encouragement when to-day I have to render you an account of the work of the past year.

THE YEAR'S WORK. I trust that on the whole you will find our past year's record satisfactory. Allowing for degree conferred in absence, the Deans of Faculty will shortly present to Your Excellency 28 new graduates, a number exceeding that of any previous year. I cannot undertake that the number next year, drawn mainly from the class which entered the University in 1918, will be quite so large, but as from the following year the annual number of graduates should increase steadily and even rapidly. The numbers of our students are equally on the increase. This year's entry, up to date—and until Chinese New Year, the figures cannot be looked upon as final—is 85, as against 87 last year, which was itself a record. But even more striking are the figures in connection with our junior Local examinations, where we had an entry of nearly 400—398—as against a previous record of 234. I do not claim that that is a great increase, but it is a sign of the part of that examination, it is simply the result of the steady consolidation of the policy of the Education Department of this Colony. It means that in a year or two there will be a corresponding increase in the number of candidates for our Matriculation; in other words, that we are being gradually freed from the

difficulty by which—in common with all similar institutions in China—we were confronted in our early years, that of a lack of an adequate system of secondary education on which a University can be built. There can be little doubt that our entry will exceed 100 in a year or two, and it should not be long before it reaches 150. At that stage new problems will arise in connection with accommodation and staff.

WOMEN STUDENTS NOW.

This year's entry, for the first time, includes women students—four in number. The question of the admission of women has elsewhere led to a lengthy and animated controversy, and I suspect that there were some of us here who felt that although the spirit of the age left no doubt as to the ultimate result, their admission here would at least be preceded by dignified debate. Such, in fact, was not the case. When a woman student had the courage to present herself for admission, and we came to compare our own University Ordinance with the local Interpretation Ordinance, we found that the draughtsman had already settled the question for us. As the only two votes I have given, at an interval of 20 years, as a member of the Senate of the University of Cambridge, were in favour—and successfully in favour—of the admission of women to degrees, I cannot pretend to regret the action of our draughtsman. Whether in the case of the individual woman the pursuit of higher education normally makes for increased happiness is a question on which, personally, I have an open mind, but there can be, I think, no doubt that the well-being of the community does require some generalisation of women's education, and that means a real need for the best possible women teachers. There can be no doubt that China offers almost limitless scope for women doctors. At the same time the number of women students will be strictly limited until the curricula of our girls' schools are modified: that change is already being made.

FINANCES AND AN APPEAL.

One of the first questions to which I had to give my attention eight months ago was that of our accounts. There are, I believe, administrators who regard accounts as invented by pedants for the purpose of vexing their souls. Such is not my view. I think of them as the only means of making clear, both to oneself and to others, a very important side of our activities. We have recently examined the accounts for the financial year ending last August. Those accounts are now public property, and I can leave them to speak for themselves. As regards the past, they do not show, I think, that there has been any extravagance. I do not find that too much money has been spent on buildings or equipment. It is, indeed, clear that much larger sums might usefully have been so spent. But I am inclined to think that the former University Council may, sometimes have forgotten that you cannot spend money on buildings and equipment and still have it available for other purposes. The essential point about our accounts as regards the future is that a clear distinction is made between money spent on capital account, and endowments the revenue of which is available for current purposes. That distinction I am very glad to have drawn, from two points of view. In the first place, it is a very sound protection for the Finance Committee and for myself. There is not a department of the University but could present half a dozen demands, to which we should have no answer if our Endowment Fund was still regarded as available for capital expenditure. But, even more important, I desire that the whole situation should be made clear to members of the Court, for under the University Ordinance it is upon the Court that there rests the final responsibility for the policy of the University; and policy, in the long run, means finance. Do not think I am taking an opportunity when members of the Court have no opportunity of reply, to try and saddle that responsibility upon them which some of you may have been inclined to think ought to be my own. I have already taken the matter up with the Court; I have told them in detail what moneys I think they will require for the next ten years, both for capital expenditure and as additional endowment, and although I think they were rather startled by the magnitude of the sums, they have appointed the strongest committee possible to check my estimates and to prepare the public appeal for the necessary support. I will not attempt to anticipate that appeal, but I confess that it is rather difficult to see where all the money we need is to come from. But when I reflect on the very considerable sums we have received in the past from quite unexpected quarters, I see no reason for despondency.

UNGENUOUS GIFTS.

As I am speaking of benefactions I may recall that I was "able," when referring to the Nemeses and Ho Tung

benefactions, already made public, to announce that Mr. Mok Kon Sang had just promised \$50,000, payable in two instalments. (Applause). I allude to the fact in order to say that we received Mr. Mok's cheque for the entire amount on the following day. (Applause). Two weeks later we were promised \$50,000, spread over ten years, by Mr. Kwok Chun-yeung, for the teaching of Chinese. (Applause). Mr. Kwok's activities, I believe, have lain mainly in Java, though he has come recently to reside in Hongkong, and it was very interesting to me, when I was in Java, to find his son as Chairman of the Board of Management of the school to which I shall refer later. Then somewhere about the month of August, we received a cheque for \$100,000 from the firm of Messrs. John Swire & Sons, Ltd., for the Engineering Faculty (Applause). As a complement to the munificent donation of \$100,000 which we received for general purposes from the Taikoo firms, at the institution of the University, I think you will agree that this is a very generous gift. I don't mean to say that it solves the whole engineering problem—engineering being a progressive science—but it does enable me to meet the Taikoo Professor at Budget time on much more easy terms. I think we have reason to hope that even without any formal appeal, that other sum, possibly some of them large in amount, will be forthcoming in the near future.

PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SYMPATHY.

The next matter to which I would like to allude is in some sense personal to myself. Most of you are aware that during the summer your Council invited me to do a good deal of travelling. I was in Peking in September to represent you, along with Professor Digby, at the opening of the very remarkable Rockefeller Foundation; and besides attending at Peking, I visited at one time or another, Penang, Singapore, Java, Hankow and Shanghai, and you perhaps desire that I should give you some report of the impressions I brought back with me from this round of visits. Well, perhaps I can best convey my principal impression by reminding you of the old saying, that a prophet is not without honour save in his own country. Your presence here this afternoon has provided that the saying is not entirely applicable. But you do live very near us—you see our difficulties and you know our defects. I think it would encourage you to know how very high this institution stands outside Hongkong. (Applause). It was very pleasant to meet schoolmasters as far apart as Penang, Hankow and Shanghai who had sent us students, and to hear how satisfied they were with the finished product we sent back. I think I remember that a year ago I expressed a hope that we and the missionary schoolmasters might find some common meeting ground. I have since been led to think that I understated the situation. The life of a missionary schoolmaster is apt to be a rather isolated one, and a need for educational sympathy comes only next to his need for sympathy in his mission work. And I rather think that he looks to this University to provide that sympathy.

"AN EDUCATIONAL MECCA."

I spoke of Java. It was a little startling in Java to find a Chinese English school the pupils of which were being taught to look upon Hongkong as "their educational Mecca." If all goes well we shall have pupils from there in the future. In the meantime they are only at the Junior Local examination stage, but the results of the December examinations are extraordinarily creditable to them. At Peking one had the opportunity of meeting the representatives of similar institutions in China, and I felt I rather resembled the missionary schoolmaster as I have pictured him. It was very pleasant to have the frank comradeships of men engaged in similar work to oneself; and in some ways I found myself in a very advantageous position. Here, in Hongkong, one's mind is apt to dwell on the insufficiency of the endowment of the University; outside Hongkong, one is apt to be envious, because the general run of institutions of University rank in China have no endowments at all!

THE UNIVERSITY'S FUTURE.

On broader lines, I found everywhere the keenest interest taken in education, and in educational standards in China. In particular, I was invited to return to Shanghai to attend the annual conference of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce, where the education question was going to be seriously discussed. The proceedings were private, but any of you who are members of the General Chamber of Commerce will have received recently a full report of the proceedings, and you will be able to bear me out when I say that the British merchants there assembled formally recognised their duty to assist to the best of their power existing British missionary schools in China.

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The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 12, 1922.

DOLLAR BUTTER.

Further reductions in the price of butter are being advertised. We note that good table butter is now offered for as little as one dollar a pound, which the public will probably consider an advantage as compared with the prices paid a few weeks ago. We take it this advantage accrues to the public as a direct result of competition between two large businesses which only a little while ago were talking of getting married. We mean the proposed merger of the Hongkong Hotel and the Dairy Farm companies. It may not be remembered, although thought to be, that the *China Mail* did not wait to see which way the merger cat would jump before throwing an editorial brick at it. We are not claiming that our good shot did the business. We are merely pointing out that we said before anybody else did that we did not think it would be better to get such things done in the open market, but that a confirmation of that. There are perfectly good arguments to be found for such business arrangements, but their goodness must depend upon their sincerity. If we knew the rock on which this merger scheme was wrecked, it is more than probable we would find it to be a factor that would have prevented the arrangement from being beneficial to the public. If it had come off, there is probably much more behind it than butter; but even if we stick to the butter, we will have a great deal to consider, and it is open to any of us to do that without trying to get

behind the scenes. A big hotel business like the one concerned obviously has an attitude towards butter that must differ from the attitude of a concern like the Dairy Farm which produces and or imports it for sale to the public. In short, as a catering concern on such a big scale it is in the same butter boat as the public. It is a large consumer. Probably in this case it was at one time one of the Dairy Farm's best customers. Any business man is able to guess what may have happened, what, in fact, was practically bound to happen. The big customer would suggest easier prices. The monopolist—since "business is business," a dictum we will comment on in a moment—would be apt to say "take it or leave it." The big customer would discover that its order was acceptable abroad, and that it could import for itself on favourable terms. Then, this alone having robbed the monopoly of its monopolistic strategic position, would make it shift its ground. Perhaps during this shifting of ground the merger would be suggested, perhaps not until much later. In any case we are imagining quite usual business phenomena. The "let's get together" movement never originates philanthropically. It does not even start as a calm and deliberate bit of scientific organization, to reduce overhead expenses, and so on. Its direct objectives are to maintain profits, to avert threatened or possible opposition, and (though we do not suggest it was so in this case) to increase profits. It is quite clear that the real object of the hotel people must be first of all to ensure an adequate supply of good butter at a reasonable cost for consumption in their regular business. By entering into competition with a firm whose concern is butter, they are selling it with an advantage. They can afford

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and that they look to this University as the natural head of the system. (Applause) I will not detain you unduly by dwelling on all the implications of that decision, but it does mean I think that a decision must be taken in the very near future as to whether this University is to be regarded as a purely local institution or to be regarded as the British University for China. The wider position would involve very grave responsibility, and I am fully alive to the argument that if the benefit is to be to Hong Kong cannot reasonably support the whole burden. There are, however, very pertinent considerations in the opposite sense. A very great part of the advantage of this University is, as I see it, that it already provides a meeting ground for students from all parts of China, as well as from the Straits. Then again, the great expenses of a University are already incurred in securing efficiency, whatever the number of students. At the present moment, for instance, an increase of numbers would mean an increase in our fees exceeding any increased expense. And finally, in the long course of years, institutions such as these depend for their success upon the support of public spirited benefactors, whose support is most readily and most willingly given to an institution that makes a wide appeal. That, your Excellency, is the substance of the report I have to make, and I am only sure that it should have detained me some from what is perhaps the principal purpose of this Congregation, the presentation of two new honorary graduates, in the persons of Sir Charles Addis and Mr. Sharp. (Applause)

HONORARY GRADUATES WELCOME.

We welcome Sir Charles Addis to this platform for the first time, and our welcome is a very warm one after his long absence from the East. It is the too common fate of men who have spent long years in the East, that they return to England to find that they are out of touch with English conditions, and to often find it difficult to settle down as authorities on Eastern conditions, with which, in the meantime, they have become equally out of touch. Such has not been the fate of Sir Charles Addis. I think I saw the statement, at the time of his election as a Governor of the Bank of England, that his appointment implied recognition of the fact that perhaps English banking was becoming too parochial. At any rate, it was an unprecedented honor for an Eastern banker. (Applause) I believe, was his most recent election as President of the Bankers' Institute. (Applause) In the unfortunate absence of our Vice-Chancellor, Professor of Political Economy, I will not attempt to comment on the masterly references to the international exchange which formed part of his presidential address. All the more as I noticed that my own financial guides were most reticent on the subject. Should Sir Charles be minded to continue his literary efforts and after listening to a speech from him yesterday at lunch-time I trust he is I would recommend to him the writing of a work on the Romance of Banking. For such a work I am sure his experience as a representative of the British Banks on the Chinese Continent, and as censor of the Bank of Morocco—if that post still exists—should furnish him with ample material. For the moment he will be all too busy, as a member of the Foreign Office Committee on British Education in China. Let me add that we owe him a very deep debt of gratitude as Chairman of our Consulting Committee in London. (Applause)

The presentation of Mr. Sharp is a more domestic but none the less agreeable task. His chairmanship of the University Commission of two years ago gave him an unrivalled knowledge of this University and of its defects; and if, with a full knowledge of all our failings, he still has faith in us, it is a very great encouragement to us. (Applause) It is to me an added source of satisfaction that he is one of the leaders of a profession of which I am a humble member. With all the popular indictment against us as a profession I am familiar. We talk a jargon far removed from the realities of practical life; devoid of conviction, we speak always to our brief; we constantly interfere with things outside our legal sphere; while some of us have even sunk to that lowest depth—the lawyer politician! Will you bear with me while I try to draw an alternative picture? Take a man of more than average culture—and to me there is a suggestion of culture about the B.C.L. degree that is easily lacking about the LL.B.—make him for years your trusted adviser on your more serious business interests; and even on your most confidential family affairs; place him upon your Excellency's Executive Council where, with no undue burden

of responsibility, he is able to watch and sometimes to influence the processes of government; add the traditions of a great profession which, in its own way aims ever at justice—and I think you will be proud to add the resulting product to the roll of honorary graduates of this University. (Loud applause)

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

The ceremony of presenting the graduates for their degrees next took place. The Vice-Chancellor presented Sir Charles Addis and the Hon. Mr. Sharp to His Excellency and the others were presented by the Deans of their respective faculties. Several of the degrees, chiefly in the case of Straits students, were conferred *in absentia*.

The list of degrees was as follows:

Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) — Sir Charles Addis, K.C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., B.C.L., O.B.E.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, B.A. Basto Yeeoh Hone So, Chiu Chiu Sam, Lum Man Yoke, Ho Chang, Hu Tsai Kuen, Li Sung, Phoon Seck Wah, Hu Chien Ho, Cheah Toon Siew, T. P. Khoo.

Bachelor of Science (Engineering) — Fung Man Shui, H. C. Hunt, Wong Ping Kwan, Pih Chiu Tou, Chao Kuo Liang, Chiu Kwan Chee, Hsu Pin Yuan, Kuo Li Chen, Khoo Khooon Huat, Kung Shih En, Pan Hui Tak, Yang Sau Chien.

Bachelors of Arts, Tang Shu Sham, Wong Kwok In, Woo Pak Ming, Lu Chen Chung.

MR. SHARP'S REPLY.

THE UNIVERSITY COMMISSION.

The Hon. Mr. Sharp, it was explained by the Vice-Chancellor, was in his doctor's hands and had temporarily lost his voice. His speech therefore was read to the gathering by the Registrar (Mr. N. Treddale MacIntosh). It was as follows:

Your Excellency, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, ladies and gentlemen, I very highly appreciate the honour which the University has conferred on me in making me one of its members and giving me this honorary degree. I thank you, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, for the terms in which you have just presented me. Terms which I wish were better deserved. I feel that the degree which has been conferred on me is in a different position from the honorary degrees usually given here. Generally they are in recognition of the individual eminence or distinguished work of the recipient, personally. In the present case, I recognise that the honour comes to me as representing the late University Commission, and on behalf of all the members of that Commission I thank the University for this proof of its kindly appreciation of the Commission's goodwill towards it—this proof that it realises the Commission was a friend, not an enemy. (Applause) I should certainly like to say this about the Commission that the work was a pleasure to its members. It was appointed during the summer of 1920 at a time when the University had got into troubled waters. No doubt, then, (as was generally known) the University's expenditure exceeded its income and it could not meet its obligations; its financial situation was bad and getting worse. Under these circumstances the Commission was apparently presumed to be hostile. We were expected to advise all sorts of terrible things; either the closing of some faculties entirely or the crippling of the University's work to such an extent as to destroy its efficiency. I need scarcely say now that nothing was further from the mind of the Commission; indeed, I am sure the Government would not have accepted such advice if any Commission had given it.

The main objects which the Commission kept before it were:—first, to extricate the University from its immediate financial difficulties and provide safeguards which should make their recurrence impossible; second, to carry on the existing work under the best conditions and arrange for future expansion when funds allow.

Mr. Sharp quoted the following passage from the Commission's report:—“The Commission . . . strongly advises that the University should be carried on in all three present Faculties of Medicine, Engineering and Art; . . . under conditions which make for efficiency and success; that if it is to reach and keep a position worthy of the Colony and the British Empire, and if it is to take its proper part in the developments now in progress in China, it must maintain a standard fully as high as or higher than in the past and must expand soon and widely.”

This extract, he remarked, would clearly show the Commission's general attitude. He reminded the assembly that the Government gave the large capital sum of \$1,000,000 to the Endowment Fund, which the Commission recommended, and increased its yearly grant of \$20,000 to \$50,000. The Commission also recommended that the Government further, paid off all debts, amounting to another \$700,000. So the financial situation was relieved.

To-day the University was a healthy, going concern on a business footing—and growing—a very satisfactory position after only eight years' working, especially remembering that those eight years included the paralyzing period of the war.

PLANS FOR EXPANSION.

Mr. Sharp continued:—This brings me to the plans for expansion to which the Vice-Chancellor has referred. As is shown by the extract which I read from the Commission's report it considered future expansion essential if the University is to fulfil its proper functions, and rise to its opportunities. The very troubles which called the Commission into being sprang from the fact that the University had given rein to ambitions and aspirations beyond its present financial means. And it would be a sad thing for the University if it had not these larger ambitions and aspirations. But such expansions cannot be carried out by running into debt. Funds are needed, and will doubtless be forthcoming in time: it is a question of time, which all who are interested in the University desire to hasten. The Government has, for the present, done its part. Further money must come from the public, Chinese and European, and I have no doubt it will. Preparing in advance a more or less definite scheme of future expansion (which I understand is now being done) has this practical advantage: that it shows intending donors, how they can, if they wish, select some particular object which specially assists the University or especially interests themselves, and earmark their gifts to that object. In case we have the good fortune to get the much-discussed contribution from the Boxer Indemnity, it will, of course, be a splendid help. Our honorary graduate, Sir John Jordan, the former British Minister in Peking, spoke very hopefully in this hall about the prospects of the Indemnity being devoted in some way to the benefit of China. What greater benefit could be given to China than that of education? If the amount still due to Great Britain was spent upon the general cause of education in China: upon the support of schools in China (particularly in the South), which would naturally feed the University, as well as upon an adequate contribution to the University itself; we believe the money would be used in the way which would most advantage China. (Applause)

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS.

I should like to say a few words especially to the Chinese students. With all the new and excellent work you are doing here, and all these expansions, I would venture to say: Don't forget the good in your own old literature. (Applause) I am sorry to say I don't know Chinese; but in my times as an undergraduate at Oxford, Dr. Legge, whose name you doubtless know, (Applause) was Professor of Chinese there. He had previously occupied the position of our Doctor of Laws, as head in Hongkong of the London Mission, which is a pioneer of Western education in China. Dr. Legge made a translation of the Chinese classics, which you have in your library. They teach, as you know, a high code of ethics; and with regard to the purpose and aim of education (which particularly concerns us here) they lay down some fundamental principles. Real education, they say, is not merely learning a catalogue of facts, which alone is valueless and apt to delude us into a false sense of knowledge: it is also necessary to train the power of thought in order to apply the facts we learn. Further, they say this power of thought alone, without learning, the material to think upon, is even worse—positively dangerous to other people. Both, they say, are required, the learning, and the intellectual digestion of what we learn. As Confucius expresses it, in words which have been put up over the entrance gate of the Chinese College at Tsingtau, but which, I fear, lose half their force by translation, “learning without the power of thought deludes oneself: the power of thought without learning endangers others.” This is a fine conception; and as much needed in the world in these days as when it was written over 2,000 years ago.

THE TORCH OF LEARNING.

There is one more thing I should like to say to you students. I have referred to the need of money, but after all, money and equipment and staff can only render the University's success possible. It is you, undergraduates who must ultimately make the success itself. It is for you, whether you come from China or the Straits, or Malaya, or elsewhere, to create the University's reputation in the world: it is by the men and women the University turns out that it will be judged. It is on you and your successors, and on the way you show the advantages of the learning and character and spirit of good fellowship gained at your old University, that its success will finally depend. The University is in the fullest sense your University. Therefore, I

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TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of January, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Nathan Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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MURDER FRENZY.

MAN WITH CHOPPER RUNS
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ONE WOMAN KILLED AND FOUR
SERIOUSLY INJURED.

One woman was killed and four seriously injured when a man armed with a chopper ran amok in a Belcher Street house shortly after eight o'clock this morning, hacking wildly at everyone who offered interference, until, it is said, suddenly regaining sanity, he sat down on the bed beside the dead girl to await the arrival of the police to surrender himself to them without resistance. The four women attacked now lie in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from shocking injuries and their lives still hang in the balance.

HOUSE INMATES' STORY.

A *China Mail* reporter who made inquiries at the house, a brothel, learned that a man had visited the place on several occasions to see the dead girl, Chung Yee Mui, whom he claimed to be his wife and asserted had left him some months ago. Violent quarrels, the inmates said, occurred each time he called, and the two had recently appeared before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the man seeking to take his wife out of the brothel, and the latter electing to remain where she was.

"MURDER!"

This morning the man called a little before 8 o'clock and went to Chung Yee Mui's cubicle in the front part of the flat. They talked in low tones, and then the man raised his voice. He was heard by the other inmates of the place—eight other girls, four amahs and the mistress—to demand money from Chung Yee Mui, who heatedly refused. Then suddenly there was the sound of a scuffle and the girl shouted "Murder" and "Save life." The other inmates rushed to the front cubicle, and there saw Chung Yee Mui covered with blood struggling desperately with the man who was hacking at her with a chopper. The other women attempted to drag him off the girl, whereupon he turned and slashed two of them severely, one on the head and the other on the back.

LUST FOR BLOOD.

Police whistles were frantically blown, but the man, who seemed suddenly to have gone mad with the lust for blood, continued to hack out. There was a scramble to escape from him, and the women ran in all directions. Swinging his chopper left and right as he went, the man followed. The amahs managed to escape to the road, but the girls took refuge in their cubicles. The man smashed the thin matchwood partition of one cubicle and entered,

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SHIPS COOK STABBED.

INDIAN GUARD ARRESTED.

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wounding two more girls severely about the head and body.

HID UNDER THE BED.

At one stage of his frenzy, the man was alleged to have visited the kitchen for another chopper, and with one in each hand, to have broken into every cubicle and attacked the helpless girls. Three of the girls hid under the bed in the end cubicle, near the kitchen, and when the man broke in to it, lay safely concealed by the long bed cover. Returning to the front cubicle in which Chung Yee Mui was lying dead in a pool of blood, the man threw down the choppers and sat on the bed in a dazed condition. This is the graphic story that the inmates of the house told our reporter.

PLUCKY CHINESE CONSTABLE.

A Chinese constable on duty on the prays, attracted to Belcher Street by the chorus of police whistles, pluckily entered the flat armed only with his truncheon and went direct to the front room. A man sitting on the bed, allowed himself to be arrested, showing no signs of emotion or agitation. In the meantime Inspector Kent had been summoned by telephone. He arrived a few minutes later. The prisoner was handcuffed and removed to the West Point Police Station. The dead body of Chung Yee Mui, with shocking injuries to the head and throat, was taken to the mortuary and her cubicle with all the blood and other gruesome evidence of the terrible murder was sealed.

WREST ALMOST SEVERED.

The other four wounded girls—one of whom had her right hand almost severed at the wrist by the chopper in attempting to ward off her assailant's blows—were removed in ambulances to the Government Civil Hospital, all in more or less serious conditions. The keeper of the brothel was also taken to the hospital, but her injuries were of a minor character compared with the others. One amah who was wounded slightly on the forehead did not go to the hospital, and was present when our representative called. It was after the arrival of the police that the three trembling and hysterical girls plucked up enough courage to venture out of their hiding place. They were taken to the station where they made statements.

The prisoner is a glass blower employed in a glass factory in Wanchai. With the exception of the end cubicle and the kitchen, blood was found everywhere in the flat, on the tile floor, walls and partitions. These told their own tale of horror.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

AGREEMENT WITH
GOVERNMENT.

APPROVED BY SHAREHOLDERS.

An agreement with the Hongkong Government under which an extension of the Company's operations is sanctioned on certain terms was ratified at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong General Electric Company held this morning.

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang) presided and there were present: The Hon. Sir C.P. Chater C.M.G. and Messrs. G. M. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, D. G. M. Bernard (directors), F. R. Marsh (manager) and the following Shareholders: Messrs. D. J. Lewis, C. Osmond, L. E. Agario, O. Baptiste, L. Lopes, Leung Yan Po, Leung Fattin, Ip Fook, Leung Wing Sang, To Tso Hing, W. Fraser, Wong Kwai Leong, Chan Tun Nin and Shi Shum Ting.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen. At the General Meeting in 1920 I mentioned that permission to extend our operations would only be granted subject to certain control by the Government in the matter of prices charged to consumers, after the manner of Public Supply Companies at Home. Your Directors have been in negotiation with the Government since that date, and this Meeting has been called to lay before you for approval the terms of a Licence offered us by the Government in their letter of December 10, last. You have all an opportunity of seeing this letter setting forth the Government terms, which are as follows:—

Clause (1).—Subject to the charges for current being maintained as at present until such time as they shall be revised in accordance with the arrangements suggested hereafter, the standard net profit payable to Shareholders, after deducting Working Costs, Management Expenses, Reserve or Sinking Fund and Depreciation, shall not exceed 15 per cent. on the paid up Capital of the Company; any loans issued from time to time being counted as part of such paid up Capital, the interest on such loans being deducted from the amount of the net profit.

Clause (2).—Half of any increase of net profit beyond the amount stipulated in paragraph (1) shall be devoted to the reduction of charges to consumers, the other half to whatever purpose the Company may consider desirable.

Clause (3).—The amount of the deductions referred to in paragraph (1) not to exceed 8% for Depreciation and 6% for Sinking Fund or Reserve, both sums being calculated on the written down Capital value as shown in the Balance Sheet at the end thereof. Such sums to be set aside each year solely for the purpose for which they are primarily intended and not to be used for keeping buildings, machinery or plant in order. No deduction under either of these headings may be made in any year in excess of the amount stipulated for such year under this arrangement.

Clause (4).—The maximum charge for light and power shall be as follows:—

Light, per unit..... 18 cents
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Power, per unit (provided that current is not consumed between 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.)..... 5 cents

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Clause (5).—In the event of the net profit falling below the limit set forth in Clause (1) above, the Company shall have power to apply for an increase in the maximum rates of charge; and thereupon new rates shall be fixed by arbitration.

The arbitrators shall be, one person appointed by Government, one by the

"DAIRY FARMS."

COMPETITION DEVELOPMENTS.

To-day our leading article takes in a general way on the part competition in dairy produce, first given to it by recent developments. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Jott Harston have resigned from Dairy Farm Board—it is said because of happenings that led up to the lure of negotiations for amalgamation. A feature of the local share market on Wednesday was a drop one point in Dairy Farms. This was due to a rumour that the company had just lost a big contract that it had with a famous shipping company.

SUMMARY OF AUCTIONS.

FORTHCOMING SALE

January 13. Lammet Bros. miscellaneous articles. Sales rooms 11.30 a.m.

January 13. Lammet Bros. two cases tweeds. Sales rooms, 1.30 a.m.

January 14.—Hughes and Hough household furniture. Sales rooms, 10.30 a.m.

January 16.—Public Works Department, one lot of Crown land, P. W. D. Offices, 3 p.m.

January 17.—Hughes and Hough teakwood and black wood furniture. Sales rooms, 2.30 p.m.

January 19.—Lammet Bros. th. properties—one in Wyndham Street, another in Portland Street, and a third in Shanghai Street—with reserve.

January 19.—Hughes and Hough jewellery. Sales rooms, 2.30 p.m.

January 19. Lammet Bros. engine and dynamo. G. Osmond Co.'s godown, West Point, 11 p.m.

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Company, and one by mutual agreement.

Clause (6).—A satisfactory contract for the supply of light and power to the Government shall be included prior to the introduction of the Ordinance.

Clause (7).—The period of the monopoly shall be for a term of 25 years and the area of supply the Island of Hongkong and Kowloon.

Your Directors have given very careful consideration to the Government's terms and have hesitation in recommending acceptance of same, as in our opinion the proposal is one which will place the Company on a sound footing. Bore putting the Resolution to the meeting I shall be glad to answer any questions or give any information desired.

There being no questions, I shall now put the following Resolution to the Meeting:—

"That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Government of Hongkong for the grant to the Company of a Licence (under a new Electricity Ordinance in contemplation) to supply electric light and power to the Islands of Hongkong and Kowloon for a period of 25 years upon the terms of a letter addressed by the Hon. Director of Public Works to the Agents of the Company dated the 10th day of December 1921 with such modifications as the Directors may deem expedient."

The resolution having been seconded by Sir Paul Chater and carried unanimously, the Chairman proceeded:—Before you go, Gentlemen, I have to inform you that we have decided to dil up the balance of unissued Capital amounting to some 60,000 shares, and that these will be issued on July 1922 at par to Shareholders on the register at that date in the proportion of one share to every four shares held by them.

These new shares will rank for dividend as from July 1922 equally with the old shares.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SANGHAI NEW.

HONGHONG MISSIONARY'S DEATH.

(Nine Mail Special.)

SHANGHAI, January 12. The Rev. A. E. Street died at the General Hospital on Tuesday and was buried at Bubbling Well yesterday. A missionary at Hohow in Hainan, he was 62 years old. He had been thirty years in China. His wife and daughter are in California.

"CHANGE SPECULATION LOSSES."

L. W. Luyt, Shanghai lawyer, left Hongkong on January 4 by the steamer "Takada" en route to Singapore. In the Supreme Court yesterday judgment was given against the Dutch Society for the Tia. 93,243 1/2 costs for speculation in silver change.

WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM FAILS.

The Shanghai Dock Company won the action (with costs) raised by Mr. Bedall for alleged wrongful dismissal.

SILENT BARBERS.

A COMMONPLACE ADVENTURE.

Literature commemorates the talkative barber, whose talk very often was worth transmuting into literature. Most of us will remember him. He need not do more in this brief chronicle than make his bow and depart. Please imagine him flinging the towel into a chair, handing you your hat, and saying impressively "Thank you, Sir."

It would be recollections of him that gave point to a shop sign we noticed in an American town, the sign of the Silent Barber. Was it merely a humorous allusion to the proverbial loquacity of barbers? Or did it indicate in good faith that here beneath this sign was a shop deliberately promising to prevent an irritation? Was it the case that in the United States business hustle had made men so irritable that a talkative barber must annoy. We never found out for sure—because we found Americans too busy for the most part to answer such apparently frivolous questions.

Here in Hongkong it is unnecessary to hang up such a sign, for the paradoxical reason that it truthfully describes them. All our barbers, or all whose ministrations we have so far sampled, are silent workers. We presume this is due to the language barrier. In this polyglottic Babel of ours, silence rather than noise ensues, for the reason that in so many cases noise would not be understood.

In the Hongkong Hotel barbers on Wednesday one of our biggest taipans was shaved. He said no word when he sat down. The operator said no word. Even when he was cut, under the lip, he said no word. The operator treated it scientifically—still without a word. It was very impressive to sit there and see blood silently trickling down a taipan's chin, while the silent shaver swiftly prepared his remedies for his slip. The clock, although it has a low tick, seemed a disturber of the peace. After twenty minutes of this strange quiet, we got down from the chair (the taipan having silently preceded us) and raised one eyebrow at the gentleman who had trimmed our parietes. This was an incitement to break silence, and he did. Very briefly, but it sounded like the crack of doom. He said: "One dollar ten."

A coolie employed by the Tramway Company on road repairs yesterday injured his foot alighting from the workmen's car while it was still in motion at the junction of Des Voeux Road Central and Ice House Street.

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ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

A little American steam and sail pleasure yacht, the "Aloha," arrived in Hongkong to-day from Foochow and Shanghai. She spent the morning at the quarantine anchorage.

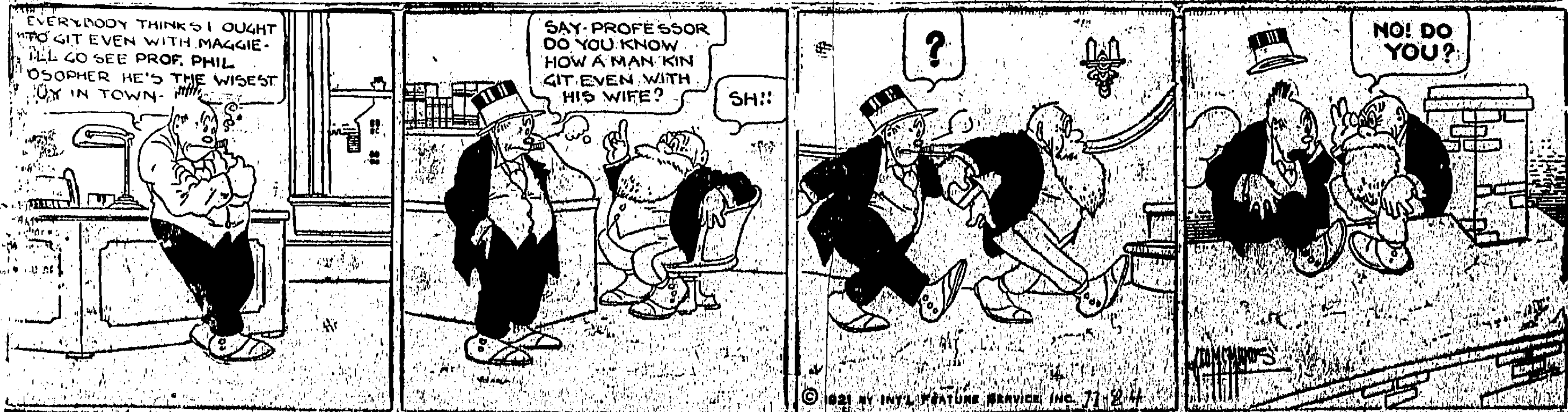
Her owner is Mr. Arthur Curtis James, a New York millionaire who is head of the Curtis Securities Company and vice-president and director of a score of big copper, mining and railway corporations in the United States. He has for a long time been an enthusiastic yachtsman and navigates his own vessel. In the schooner "Coronet," the champion schooner yacht of the Atlantic Coast and the flagship of the New York Yacht Club, he sailed from New York to Yokohama in 1896, making one of the first of such voyages ever made.

The guests of Mr. and Mrs. James on their round-the-world trip are Miss Florence S. Sullivan, Dr. Karl M. Vogel, Mr. Andrew P. Alvord and Mr. William J. Matheson, all of New York.

They sailed from the United States on September 15, and after leaving China they will call at Singapore, Calcutta and Colombo, pass through the Suez Canal to Marseille, and return to New York across the Atlantic.

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EUROPE via Suez (Letters & Papers London 14th Dec.)	FRIDAY, JANUARY 13.	11 a.m.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	TIME
Swatow, Shanghai and North China	THURSDAY, JANUARY 12.	4 p.m.
Java and Port Moresby via Batavia	FRIDAY, JANUARY 13.	6 p.m.
Japan	SUNDAY, JANUARY 15.	6 p.m.
Swatow, Straits and Bangkok	MONDAY, JANUARY 16.	6 p.m.
Port Bayard, Heiboh and Haiphong	TUESDAY, JANUARY 17.	8 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, India via Dhanushkodi, Durban and CAPE TOWN	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18.	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	THURSDAY, JANUARY 19.	11 a.m.
Philippine Islands	FRIDAY, JANUARY 20.	11 a.m.
Singapore	SATURDAY, JANUARY 21.	11 a.m.
Haiphong	SUNDAY, JANUARY 22.	11 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing "Special" name only.

CHINESE SEAMEN'S WAGES.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

SHIPPING COMPANIES MOVE.

The China Mail is informed that at a meeting held today of the principal Steamship companies interested it was unanimously agreed that the Companies should get into direct touch with the crews of their respective vessels with a view to arriving at a correct appreciation of the position in order to rectify any grievances which may exist.

From inquiries made it appears that the rates paid by the various companies are not by any means uniform. In some instances increases were granted fairly recently and the employers want to find out just what the men themselves have to say about the union's demand.

OFFICERS' AND ENGINEERS' ATTITUDE.

"A STRICT NEUTRALITY."

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir.—As we have been frequently asked what attitude the Officers and Engineers will adopt in the event of the breakdown of negotiations between the Shipowners and the Chinese Seamen's Union, we desire to put our considered view before the public through the hospitality of your columns.

Shortly and clearly, the Guilds will maintain a strict neutrality. On the one hand our members, as wage earners, cannot and will not in any way attempt to fill a gap that may be caused by any concerted action of the members of the Union for the betterment of their conditions of living.

On the other hand they do not, as officers, in any way associate themselves with any movement on the part of those whom they have in the course of duty to direct.

That is to say that any measures necessary for the safety of life and property will, in all cases, be taken, but in the absence of the necessary staff to carry out their orders, no

K. C. C. GOLFERS.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

Members of the K.C.C. golf section held their annual meeting last night. Mr. W. S. Elson presided and in the course of a brief review of the year's activities he expressed gratification at the renewed enthusiasm which had been evident during the last four months. He proposed Mr. H. Overy, who he said, had worked very hard as hon. secretary for two years, as the new Captain and Mr. Overy's election was unanimously agreed to. Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds was elected as secretary for the ensuing year and a committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs. Hyde, Jack, Robinson, Bond and Avenell.

It was decided to adopt Mr. Overy's suggestion that a non-player's section should be formed in order to make room for younger players now on the waiting list. The annual subscription was reduced from \$14 to \$12 and it was resolved to discontinue the bogey and Ecclesiastical Cup competitions next year. The meeting adopted a suggestion that an annual dinner should be held soon. It was announced that several prizes had been offered for competitions.

STRANDED STEAMER.

The Taikoo tug which was sent to the Hainan straits to salvage the stranded "Manji Maru" has arrived. When the s.s. "Masa Maru," another M.B.K. boat, passed the wreck the tug, which was lying alongside, signalled that the prospects of salvage were very good provided bad weather did not hamper operations.

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Yours faithfully,
 T. T. LAURINSON,
 Assistant Secretary,
 China Coast Officers' Guild.

W. J. BROOKS,
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